

# KITTERY PORT AUTHORITY

## BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY

### FEES, LOCATIONS and RAMP ETIQUETTE

The Town of Kittery has two launch facilities serving the boaters of Southern Maine and the Seacoast of New Hampshire. Both are maintained and managed by the Kittery Port Authority for the Town of Kittery.

**Fees** - Payment of a launch fee is required for **ANY VESSEL** launching at either Traip Academy Ramp or Pepperrell Cove Ramp. Payment of a Harbor Usage fee is required for all vessels.

- **Harbor Usage fee - \$1.00 per foot fee any vessel using Kittery waters**
- **Day Pass- \$5 per vessel with Harbor usage fee sticker**
- **Season Pass- \$50 per vessel includes the Harbor Usage fee.**

Day passes are available from the Harbormaster or pay at the honor box available at each site. Season passes and Harbor usage stickers may be purchased at Town Hall or from the Harbormaster.

**Etiquette** - Access roads to both Traip Academy or Pepperrell Cove Ramps are narrow and congested. Common sense and a little courtesy will make the launching experience easier for all involved.

- **Do not bring your boat to the ramp until it is ready to launch.**
- **Do not jump the line; wait for your turn to launch.**
- **Kayaks should stay off to one side of the ramp so as not to interfere with trailer boats.**

**Traip Ramp-** A new ramp and floats were installed and in-service by the beginning of the 2008 boating season. Tide does not affect the ability to launch or haul with the exception of extremely low lunar tide cycles. It is advisable to delay launching or hauling your vessel during these cycles to avoid possible damage to your trailer. Sail boats cannot launch at Traip unless the mast is on the deck. Vehicles and trailers may park in the Traip Academy parking lot when there is no school or special event.

Traveling by water the Traip Academy ramp can be accessed by power boats generally less than 24' in length with a bimini or T-top of less than 7' above the vessels waterline. Vessels approaching the ramp by water must navigate beneath either of the two bridges crossing to The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in the Back Channel that runs between Kittery and Seavey Island.

**Pepperrell Cove-** The ramp is accessible for approximately to two hours either side of the high tide. It is located at the bottom of Bellamy Lane. At the high tide the ramp is suitable for launching of sail and power boats. Dock tie-up is available for up to 30 minutes.